C had Nulik, who graduated from Cowley College in 1997, has gone on to be an accomplished theatre instructor at Salina Central High School.

Nulik recently received word that Salina Central High School’s production of the comedy farce “Noises Off” was selected for a performance at the International Theatre Festival on June 23-28 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Only 10 to 12 student productions from the U.S. and Canada are picked to perform each year at the festival.

“I am amazed in the work that the students have put in to the outcome of the show,” Nulik said. “I have always felt that I had talented actors and techies, but this is truly an exciting time for our department.”

“Noises Off,” first produced in October at the school, initially was selected as one of four shows from Kansas to be performed at the Kansas State Thespian Conference in January in Wichita. Two adjudicators at the state conference selected the show for the International Theatre Festival.

Nulik came to Cowley College from Mulvane High School. During his second year at Cowley, current theatre director Scott MacLaughlin was hired as the technical director.

“It was working under Scott that gave me a new appreciation for Tech Theatre,” Nulik said. The two spent hours learning how to run specials with the lights for the college’s production of “Grease”.

“He was a great help to me,” MacLaughlin said. “We spent a lot of time in the theatre.”

After Cowley, Nulik went on to graduate from Emporia State University in May of 2001 with teaching credentials in both communication/theatre and social sciences. During his tenure at ESU Chad was involved in the Associated Student Government as well as Sigma Phi Epsilon. He held leadership positions in both. Currently, Nulik is working on his Masters in School Administration from Emporia State University. He has been working at Salina Central High School since August 2001.

Nulik spends a great deal of time with his theatre students taking them on field trips such as the Kansas Renaissance Festival, the New Theatre Restaurant, Kansas State theatre programs, and last year taking his thespian troop to New York City to see five Broadway shows.

MacLaughlin was ecstatic to hear his former student had a production selected for a performance at the International Theatre Festival. “The opportunity to perform at the International Conference is like winning a national title in athletics”, MacLaughlin said.

Under Nulik’s guidance, Salina Central’s theatre program does four main stage productions a year.

“I enjoy working with the kids, seeing them perform is what makes me keep coming back,” Nulik said.

Nulik credits his time at Cowley with helping him get to where he is today.

“Cowley allowed me to continue working in theatre,” Nulik said. “I was unsure of what I wanted to do in life and it gave me the chance to grow. I had a great time while at Cowley and met some great teachers that I will never forget. Cowley was a great place for me at that time in my life and I will never forget the time that I had in the Theatre department.”

Former Cowley student finds success as high school theatre instructor
### John Bul Dau provides harrowing story of survival

Speaking to a crowd of roughly 300 people Feb. 18 at Cowley College’s Robert Brown Theatre, John Bul Dau shared his dramatic story of perseverance against all odds.

In 1987, when Dau was a young teenager, his village was raided during the Second Sudanese Civil War. He became separated from his parents and embarked on a 1,000-mile walk, barefoot, to Ethiopia, back to Sudan, then to a refugee camp in Kenya, where he lived with thousands of other Lost Boys.

In 2001 he was chosen to immigrate to the United States, where the film “God Grew Tired of Us” related his and the other boys’ tragic ordeal to audiences across the United States.

He has gone on to reunite with his family and has made a new life for himself while never forgetting the other Lost Boys he left behind.

A book signing was held in the Earle N. Wright Community Room following Bul Dau’s presentation, where he signed copies of his memoir “God Grew Tired of Us”.

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Cover: Pictured are the five sophomores of the Cowley College men’s basketball team along with head coach Steve Eck. The Tigers set a school record with 31 wins. Read more about their accomplishments on page 13.
Having completed 100 hours of life skills training, 120 hours of manufacturing skills and 120 hours of sheet metal training, nine individuals in the AeroStructures Technician program were recognized during a completion ceremony held Dec. 18 at the Winfield Correctional Facility.

The 15-week program, for individuals incarcerated in the Winfield Correctional Facility, was developed by the KITE (Kansas Institute for Technical Excellence) partners to meet the needs of the aircraft industry in South Central Kansas. The partnership is made up of the Kansas Department of Corrections, Kansas Department of Commerce, The Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, Greenbush-Southeast Kansas Education Service Center, Cowley County Community College, and Arbor Education and Training.

Keith Lawing, the executive director of Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, welcomed the graduates and individuals in attendance. He then asked Secretary of Commerce David Kerr to speak to the graduates. Kerr mentioned how proud he was of this first graduating class.

“Three of the nine graduates will be going into the work force within the next three weeks and the other six will begin working in the next six months to a year. A new group of individuals began taking part in the program in January. “I really believe if we can change the lives of some of these individuals we have done a lot for society,” Utash said. Winfield Correctional Facility warden Emmalee Conover gave the closing remarks at the ceremony. “So many of these guys have a hidden talent that has gone untapped,” Conover said. “I think when we see opportunities like this, and they shine, it gives them hope. I can’t think of a better way to start over than to have these opportunities. It has been a fantastic program.”

The following individuals fulfilled the requirements for completion in the Manufacturing Skills Certificate and Basic Sheetmetal Aero-Structures Technician:


Cowley College vice president of academic affairs Sheree Utash congratulates a graduate of the AeroStructures Technician program.
Graduation for 10 students in Cowley College’s Mobile Intensive Care Technician (paramedic) program was held January 5 in the Wright Community Room at the main campus in Arkansas City. The program that finished on December 14 completed the AAS degree requirements for these graduates. The following are the graduating members of the class: Cody Ball, Arkansas City; Jerry Connell, Wellington; Stephanie Davidson, Wichita; Brad Klein, Udall; Michelle Landoll, Wichita; Brian Leuci, Wichita; Danielle McNaught, Neodesha; Mallory O’Dell, Arkansas City; Aimee Rau, Wichita; and Jennifer Walker, Wellington.

The evening began when Slade Griffiths, Allied Health Department Chair, issued the welcome and discussed the education the graduates received while in Cowley’s program. Griffiths praised all of the people involved with the program and singled out Cindy Branscum, Lead MICT Instructor, for “her dedication to the students – something that truly impacted their learning.”

Sheree Utash, Vice President of Academic Affairs then gave the graduation address. She was able to give a perspective from both an administrator and parent point of view – her daughter, Mallory, graduated in this class.

Mrs. Utash and Mrs. Branscum conferred the certificates and presented the class of 2007 to the gathering of about 150 people who came to honor the graduates. Utash thanked the graduates for selecting EMS as a career and for choosing Cowley College for their education.

“I truly believe that each one of you is an American hero,” said Utash. During the course of their schooling, these graduates assessed over 5,000 patients and administered over 3,000 medications during the year. With this 12th graduating class, Cowley MICT graduates now treat approximately 80,000 patients each year.

The national job outlook continues to be greater than average, and the local job outlook looks promising. All graduates have found employment in the EMS field.

Cowley currently has two MICT programs in progress – one in Winfield at the Allied Health Education Center and another in partnership at Butler Community College at the Andover campus.
Cowley’s Career and Technical Education Department receives grants

Through the hard work of Sandy Randel, Cowley College’s Coordinator for the Career and Technical Education Department, the department received a grant for $420,000 and has been awarded four grants over the past year totaling nearly $600,000.

“Sandy was directly involved in writing the grants and following through on them,” said Bruce Crouse, Department Chair of the Career and Technical Education Department. “I really appreciate her perseverance in locating these grant opportunities. She’s done excellent work through the process.”

Randel’s efforts helped Cowley secure the $420,000 grant awarded from the state technology funds through the Kansas Technical Authority to be used for Non-Destructive Testing and programs. This grant, which is the largest ever received in the Career and Technical Education Department, was offered to support high-tech, leading edge programs around the state of Kansas. The bulk of the grant will be used so Cowley’s Non-Destructive Testing program can purchase new equipment, including a Digital Radiography System, which is used to look at components in real time without having to process and look at film.

“This is a very expensive piece of equipment that we would not have been able to obtain through our regular cash flow channels,” Crouse said. “This grant will provide us with state of the art equipment that is currently used in business and industry.”

The remainder of the grant will be used to purchase equipment for the Mechatronics program. Within the past few months Cowley was also awarded $40,000 from the Innovative Technology Funds, from the Kansas Board Of Regents, to support equipment purchases and other costs associated with its Mechatronics program, which is located in Winfield.

“There has been a need for funding for the larger more costly pieces of equipment in the Career and Technical Education Department, especially in the new programs,” Crouse said.

A $6,500 non-traditional gender funds grant was awarded to Cowley for use in its Career and Technical Education programs. Randel will be responsible for directing and implementing this grant. Part of the grant will be used to hold workshops and conduct a summer camp for non-traditional students, so they can view the programs Cowley’s Career and Technical Education Department has to offer.

The final grant for $125,000 through KDOC was awarded last spring.

“This grant helped get the Mechatronics program on its feet,” Crouse said.

The grant money received by Cowley will benefit not only the school, but also the students and local business and industry as well.

“This will provide our students access to state of the art equipment used in business and industry before entering the workforce,” Crouse said.

For more information on the programs offered through Cowley’s Career and Technical Education Department, contact Sandy Randel at 620-441-5262.
A capacity crowd of Cowley College donors attended the Annual Endowment Association Banquet held Dec. 3 in the Earle N. Wright Community Room. During the banquet, it was announced that the total assets for the Endowment Association sit at $4 million dollars.

Terri Morrow, who retired as Cowley College Dean of Development and College Relations at the end of the year, was honored at the banquet. The Cowley College Endowment fund had around $550,000 in it when Morrow started at the college in 1990.

Curt Freeland, President of the college’s Endowment Association, along with Cowley College President Dr. Patrick J. McAtee, praised the work done by Morrow over the past 18 years.

Morrow was originally hired to put together the campaign to build the Brown Center. Other campaigns have included the campaign to build the Webb-Brown Center as well as the renovations to the W.S. Scott Auditorium Lobby and the Jungle, located in the Gwen Nelson Student Center.

Her primary roles at the college included fundraising for scholarships, capital and annual campaigns, special event fundraisers, college relations, issuing scholarships, mailing the Tiger Alumni News to alumni and friends of Cowley, and this year booking the performances and speakers at the college.

Freeland presented Morrow with a stainless steel sculpture titled “Tango” that was made by Gary Kahle.

Freeland was also recognized at the banquet with the Cowley College Ambassador Award. The award recognizes individuals who have provided sustained volunteer or other service, or through philanthropic work to Cowley College.

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Freeland has been involved and supportive of Cowley College for more than 20 years. In his involvement with the Endowment Association, Freeland has worked on all the major fundraising campaigns, helping to raise several million dollars.

Chris Cannon, Cowley College Lead MICT Instructor, and Scott MacLaughlin, Director of Theatre and Theatrical Services, were recipients of the Young Achiever Award. The award recognizes individuals age 40 or younger that have had success in their educational achievements, careers and community service, and/or service to Cowley College.

Cannon completed the first MICT program offered at Cowley College in 1997. He began part-time employment at Cowley in 1998 and became a full-time MICT instructor in June 2003. As theatre director he is responsible for directing the main stage shows, sponsoring Act One, the drama club, and teaching Theatre Appreciation, Acting, and Public Speaking. He has also directed several outstanding musicals and plays.

MacLaughlin has served on several committees at the college and is also actively involved in volunteer work.

Larry and Carlla Pike, owners of L.G. Pike Construction Company, Inc., were also recognized at the banquet. The Pike’s recently made a gift of $50,000 to Cowley College to establish scholarships for students who would otherwise be unable to attend the school.

Following the Endowment Association Banquet, the crowd headed into the Robert Brown Theatre to witness the Nebraska Theatre Caravan’s production of Charles Dickens’ Family Holiday Classic “A Christmas Carol”.

Both the chilling poverty and luxurious wealth of the period served as a thrilling backdrop to the staged production, which utilized music, dance and drama to weave the spellbinding fable of a man who is given the rarest of gifts, the chance to change his life and to find his heart.
Study rates Cowley College as having the best admissions web site

Cowley College was recognized as having the best admissions website among all community colleges in a study conducted by the National Research Center for College & University Admissions (NRCCUA). Along with having the top-ranked community college admissions website, Cowley was also the only school in Kansas to have its admissions website ranked among the top-10 institutions in the Midwest.

“For me it’s a validation that we are on the right path in providing an admissions website that is functional for students, easy to navigate and has the information on there that they need,” Cowley College director of admissions Ben Schears said.

Schears along with Cowley College director of web services Diana Dicken, assistant web master Janet Kennedy and graphic designer Kris Ripley, created the admissions website.

The NRCCUA, the leading organization connecting young people and their families with colleges and universities around the country, released its annual rankings of the admissions websites of more than 3,000 postsecondary institutions.

The ninth annual Enrollment Power Index® (EPI), a research-based analysis, rates how well the functionality and design of college and university websites provide information to potential students to take them from prospect to applicant.

“Today’s technically savvy generation of students has extremely high expectations when it comes to the amount and type of admissions information they find on university websites,” said Don Munce, President of NRCCUA. “Meeting these expectations with quality, up-to-date websites will help students better navigate the admissions process and ensure that colleges and universities are attracting students in the Internet generation.”

EPI measures the ability of a college or university admissions website to take students from a prospect to an applicant. It provides a detailed analysis of trends and clear indicators of what institutions can do to improve the effectiveness of their sites.

To identify the site features that have the most significant impact of a potential student’s perception of the site, an email survey was sent to more than 100,000 college-bound high school students asking them to rate two admissions websites. Next, over 3,000 sites were evaluated to identify functional features present on each site. Statistical tests were then used to identify the functional features that were important to students and their relative importance.

To view Cowley’s admissions website go to: www.cowley.edu/admissions/index.html

Top 10 Community Colleges
1. Cowley County Community College, KS
2. Louisburg College, NC
3. Middle Georgia College, GA
4. Briarwood College, CT
5. Southern College, FL
6. Jamestown Community College, NY
7. Kilgore College, TX
8. Northwest College, WY
9. Iowa Western Community College, IA
10. Metropolitan Community College, MO

Top 10 Institutions in the Midwest
1. Lawrence University, WI
2. Wayne State University, MI
3. Lakeland College, WI
4. Emmaus Bible College, IA
5. Mount Mercy College, IA
6. College of Mount St Joseph, OH
7. Ohio Northern University, OH
8. Central College, IA
9. Dominican University, IL
10. Cowley County Community College, KS
Members of Cowley College’s Concert Choir gave a breathtaking performance during the Christmas Vespers Concert held Dec. 13 in the Robert Brown Theatre. Led by vocal director Connie Donatelli and accompanied by director of piano and theory Steven Butler, the Concert Choir sang four traditional carols: Joy to the World, The First Noel, O Little Town of Bethlehem, and What Child is This. They also sang Angels We Have Heard on High, He Is Born on This Holy Night, Sweet Little Jesus Boy, Still, Still, Sleigh Ride, Jingle Bells, O Holy Night (From Carols of the Night), and Peace, Peace.


Members of Cowley College’s Concert Choir perform during the Christmas Vespers Concert held Dec. 13.
A new entrepreneurship program offered through Cowley College to Oxford High School students emphasizes real-life work skills that students can’t learn in a textbook. About 50 business people from Cowley and Sumner Counties recently got an up-close look at the program, as the 10 juniors and seniors in the program served their guests a lunch at the Old Oxford Mill.

The students are bringing back to life a place of business that has deep historical significance for the Oxford community. Built in 1874, the old mill produced flour and cornmeal that pumped up the local economy.

Lisa Roberts, Cowley College’s entrepreneur- ship program director, serves as the instructor of the class.

“We have a great group of students that are taking the initiative, thinking creatively, actively pursuing and capitalizing on opportunities they are uncovering and leading the charge,” Roberts said.

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Students of all interests are encouraged to enroll in and benefit from Cowley’s entrepreneur- ship courses.

“All students from those enrolled in Allied Health, Career and Tech Ed to Social Sciences can greatly benefit from learning to think entrepreneurially, learning how to problem solve, think critically and develop superior decision making skills by taking these entrepreneurship courses,” Roberts said. Cowley offers Intro to Entrepreneurship, The Entrepreneurial Experience, and Entrepreneurship and Business Leadership Internship. Intro to Entrepreneurship is an online hybrid of an in-depth business plan for the business opportunity. This may be structured as either an online hybrid, purely online or purely on-ground course.

Students in the Entrepreneurial Experience will learn the different paths to business ownership, how to effectively market new products, how to develop a customer-centric business plan, how to develop entrepreneurial management strategies for the 21st century and how to plan financially for a business.

Entrepreneurship and Business Leadership Internship is an internship program designed to give students practical experience in their preparation for career success and to provide opportunities to experience the connection between work and learning. The internship experience provides many benefits, from enhancing the student’s knowledge of an industry or business field to increasing their confidence in themselves and their abilities. Internships offer students an opportunity to improve their professional skills, familiarize themselves with the business environment, network with business professionals, and refine their personal and career goals and aspirations.

More about these courses can be found at http://www.cowley.edu/depart- ments/business/entrepre- neurship.html

“I am extremely fortunate to be in a position to work with entrepreneurial activities in our communities,” Roberts said.
Four Cowley College PTK students honored at luncheon in Topeka

Jackie Hutchinson and Elisha Swope from Cowley College's Arkansas City campus and Keisha Brooks and Lisa Burns from Cowley's Wichita campus were among the students honored in Topeka February 14 during the Thirteenth Annual Phi Theta Kappa Honors Luncheon. Hutchinson, Swope, Brooks, and Burns were named to the 2007-08 All-Kansas Academic Team, sponsored by the international headquarters of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, and the Kansas Council of Community College Presidents. “It was a great experience for them,” Cowley College Phi Theta Kappa co-sponsor Melinda Neal said. Other Cowley dignitaries at the luncheon were: Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee; vice president of student affairs Sue Saia; vice president of academic affairs Sheree Utash; PTK co-sponsor Nancy Ayers; Board of Trustees chairman Ron Godsey; vice chairman Donna Avery; and Mark Paton, board member. Mark Parkinson, Lt. Governor for the state of Kansas, served as the keynote speaker. “He did a fantastic job as the keynote speaker,” Neal said. Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for students attending community and two-year colleges. Membership is based on high grade point averages and other criteria, with members focusing on scholastic achievement and service to community and campus. The 46 individuals are part of a statewide student body of more than 91,000 people enrolled in more than 692,000 credit hours taken annually at the 19 Kansas community colleges.

Cowley announces new tuition scholarship program

Arkansas City High school students that maintain a good grade point average and attendance record can qualify for a new tuition scholarship program at Cowley College. The new scholarship, which will be sponsored jointly by Cowley College and Arkansas City High School, is available for students that complete the Work Ethic Program at Arkansas City High School. “The college wanted to support this program at the high school because it emphasizes the very skills that we want our students to have (punctuality, attendance, good grades, etc),” Cowley College vice president of student affairs Sue Saia said. “We want to reinforce the importance of those skills.” The scholarship is good for four semesters and is automatic for students who complete the Work Ethic Program. “Students who complete the program will be better workers and help develop better businesses in the workplace,” Saia said.

Area students take part in Cowley Tech Day

Eighty-six high school students from around the area took part in Cowley College’s Technology Day held Feb. 6 at the Career and Technical Education department in Arkansas City. Cowley instructors discussed programs such as Mechatronics, Welding, Machining, Non-Destructive Testing, and Automotive. They also discussed related courses and “What is Technology”. “The purpose of Tech Day is to provide high school students an opportunity to come out and see all of the programs, tour the shop areas, and have an overview of technical education,” coordinator for Career and Technical Education Sandy Randel said. Students were treated to demonstrations by Cowley’s Plasmacam, robot named Bif, which stands for Building Innovation of the Future, and its VCS system. Cowley is currently the only school in the state teaching students with the VCS system, which controls vehicles wirelessly from a laptop computer. Students also learned about Cowley’s new digital radiography unit used in the Non Destructive Testing program. Drinks and snacks were provided.
Larry Grose
Larry Grose led the Cowley men’s tennis team to two national championships and 16 top-10 national tournament finishes in 18 years as head coach.
Grose coached the Tigers from 1988-2005. He was inducted into the NJCAA National Men’s Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002.
After graduating from Arkansas City High School in 1961, Grose played tennis at Wichita State University and Oklahoma State University. He graduated from OSU in 1966. The team Grose inherited at Cowley took last in Region VI in his first year as coach. However, the next season resulted in the first of Grose’s two national championships. After working magic in just his second year as coach of the Tigers, Grose led Cowley to its second national championship in 1991. With Grose at the helm, Cowley never finished worse than 10th during its 16 trips to the national tournament.
Grose coached 32 All-Americans during his 18 years, and captured nine Region VI titles. Only twice in his 18 seasons did the Tigers fail to qualify for the national tournament, and even then they still had individual representation. Grose’s tennis teams also captured several academic national championships.

Mark Potter
Mark Potter attended Cowley from 1981-1983 and excelled at basketball and baseball.
In basketball, Potter was named First-Team All-Conference during the 1982-1983 season. During that same year, he had a .476 batting average as a member of the Tiger baseball team. His accomplishments led him to be named the “Male Athlete of the Year” by Cowley’s Student Government Association.
Potter was also named to the First-Team All-Tournament team for the Jayhawk Conference Basketball Tournament. His .476 batting average as a sophomore still ranks as one of the highest batting average in the history of the Cowley baseball program.
Potter is a 1986 Newman University graduate, where he played both basketball and baseball. He averaged 15 points per game as a guard for the basketball team and was All-District on the baseball team. Potter has been the head men’s basketball coach at NCAA Division II Newman University since 1998 and has compiled the highest winning percentage in Newman’s basketball history. Potter was selected as the MCAC Coach of the Year, Kansas Four Year College Coach of the Year and Wichita Sports Commission Coach of the Year in 1998. He was again selected Coach of the Year in the MCAC during the 2001-02 season.
Prior to Newman he compiled a record of 137-112, with four state tournament appearances in 11 years as a high school basketball coach.

Bill Clarahan
Bill Clarahan excelled as a member of the Arkansas City Junior College basketball team during the 1955-56 and 1956-57 seasons.
Clarahan graduated from Harper (KS) High School in 1955, where he was an all-state basketball player in high school. He started as a freshman on the ACJC basketball team that finished the regular season ranked number one in the nation. He helped lead the Tigers to an eighth place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson his sophomore year and was named a junior college all-American.
Heavily recruited, he decided to accept a basketball scholarship from Hall of Fame coach Henry Iba to attend Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State). He started at forward both years for the Cowboys and was a double-digit scorer much of the time.
After earning his baccalaureate degree from OSU, he became a high school teacher and baseball coach. When he was in his early forties, he was teaching/coaching in Evergreen High School in Colorado and died of a heart attack.
They later named the gym, The Bill Clarahan Gymnasium in his honor.

Suzanne Kerr
Suzanne Kerr-Unruh played for the Lady Tigers in 1997 and 1998, and was the first Cowley softball player to be named a two-time National Junior College Athletic Association All-American. In 1997 Kerr was named Jayhawk East Freshman of the Year, first-team All-Conference first baseman, first-team All-Region VI first baseman, and was selected as the team’s Offensive Player of the Year. In 1998, she was named Jayhawk East Most Valuable Player, a first-team All Jayhawk East outfielder, first-team All-Region VI outfielder, and was selected as the team’s Most Valuable Player. She was a stellar performer at the plate and still holds several school records.
After Cowley, she went on to play two years at Fort Hays State University where she was named All-Conference (Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) both years. Kerr went on to serve as an assistant coach for the Derby Lady Panther softball team after graduating from Fort Hays and then served as an assistant coach for the Butler Community College softball team for two years. She then helped lead the Cowley softball team to two national tournament appearances, while serving as an assistant coach from 2004-2006. The Lady Tigers placed fourth in the nation in the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

Jim Reed, who was inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000, accepted the plaque for Bill Clarahan. Rod Dickens accepted the plaque for his brother, Mark Potter. Suzanne Kerr-Unruh and Larry Grose were the other inductees.
Men’s Basketball
The Cowley College basketball team had its dream season come to an end with a 71-61 loss to Seward County March 11 in the Region VI title game played at Wichita’s Koch Arena. Cowley finished with its best record in school history (31-3). Along with setting the school record for wins (31) in a season, Cowley also broke the school record for largest average of victory in a season as they outscored its opponents by an average of 19.2 points per game (80.0 to 61.0). The 1978-79 team set the previous record for average victory margin. The Tigers also captured their first outright Jayhawk East title since the 1990-91 season during head coach Steve Eck’s first season at the school. Eck was named the Jayhawk East Coach of the Year, while Montrell McDonald was named to the All-Conference Team. Chris Rhymes was a second-team all-conference selection as was Reggie Cook.

Women’s Basketball
Regrouping after starting the season 5-7, the Cowley College women’s basketball team placed third in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division with a 14-4 conference mark. The Lady Tigers then won the first two games at the Region VI Tournament before suffering a heartbreaking 56-55 loss to Cloud County in the semifinals. Cowley finished the season with a record of 1-1. The Lady Tigers say goodbye to sophomores Lauren Cherry, Natasa Draganic, Alexis Wright and Caitlin Spencer. Of the four, only Cherry and Wright saw significant playing time.

Men’s Track and Field
Led by David Starnes being crowned the national champion in the pole vault, the Cowley College men’s indoor track and field team placed third in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division with a 14-4 conference mark. The Lady Tigers then won the first two games at the Region VI Tournament before suffering a heartbreaking 56-55 loss to Cloud County in the semifinals. Cowley finished the season with a record of 21-12. The Lady Tigers say goodbye to sophomores Lauren Cherry, Natasa Draganic, Alexis Wright and Caitlin Spencer. Of the four, only Cherry and Wright saw significant playing time.

Women’s Track and Field
Kelsey Poljansek added to her accomplishments at Cowley College as she was named the national champion in the shot put at the NJCAA National Indoor Championships in Charleston, IL. Poljansek is also the defending outdoor national champion in the shot put and discus. The Lady Tigers placed third in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division and eighth at the indoor national championships.

Softball
The No. 8-ranked Cowley College softball team, winners of the past four Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division titles, opened the 2008 season by winning nine of their first 12 games. The Lady Tigers began conference play with a bang as they run-ruled Coffeyville Community College in a pair of games. The talented pitching tandem of Heather Davis and Jacey Juden leads the Lady Tigers. At the plate, Cowley is batting .408 as a team. Freshman Kashlia Young got off to a hit start as she was batting .592 with nine homeruns and 25 RBI’s through the team’s first 14 games.

Baseball
The Cowley College baseball team, ranked 10th in the preseason poll, has had to battle through some adverse situations early in its season. Playing a tough early season schedule and trying to overcome the loss of a member of the Tiger family, the Tigers have not had the kind of start they were hoping for. However, winners of 11 of the past 13 Jayhawk East titles, Cowley opened the conference season by sweeping a doubleheader against Fort Scott.

Men’s Tennis
The Tigers men’s tennis team ranked sixth in the pre-season poll, has a balanced squad made up of five sophomores and three freshmen. Richard Filkuka, Diego Motivar and Sean Cobble highlight the talented returnees for first year head coach Josh Cobble. Ignacio Velez and Boomer Saia have proven to be valuable additions to the team. Saia, who teamed with Reid Bauer to win back-to-back state doubles titles at Arkansas City High School, picked up his first collegiate victory March 1 with a win over Washburn University’s Brad Johnston in No. 5 singles.

Women’s Tennis
With a pair of national champions and three region champions returning to the squad, the Cowley College women’s tennis team will once again be one of the top teams in the nation. The Lady Tigers are coming off one of its finest seasons in the program’s history as they captured three national titles and placed fourth at the national tournament. Back for the Lady Tigers are Kasia Siwosz, the defending national champion at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles; Karolina Porizkova, who teamed with Siwosz to lose just one match at No. 1 doubles all season; and Monica Medina, the region champion at No. 5 singles and No. 3 doubles. Joining the returning players are freshman Elizabeth Galindo and sophomores Thea Lonewolf and Cassie Powell.
CC Singers will perform at the Chair Academy Leadership conference in Denver, CO.
First Person: Stories from the Edge of the World
National Geographic, NPR’s Neil Conan, Ensemble Galilei 7:30 p.m.
Majors’ Show
Night of One Acts 7:00 p.m.
Café Acoustic - Piper Leigh 7:30 p.m.
Mr. CinderFella 7:30 p.m.
Jazz Band and CC Singers Concert 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Night Live 7:00 p.m.
Spring Concert - Concert Choir and Concert Band 7:00 p.m.
Reception - Majors’ Exhibit 7:00 p.m.
Vocal Recital 7:00 p.m.

Brantley, Swope named Homecoming Royalty

A pair of Arkansas City natives were named Cowley College’s Homecoming king and queen during halftime of the Tiger men’s basketball game on Feb. 20 at W.S. Scott Auditorium/Dan Kahler Court.
Will Brantley was named king, while Elisha Swope was crowned queen.
Brantley is a Management Information Systems major. He serves as SGA vice-president, is a member of CC Singers, Concert Choir, Phi Beta Lambda and Act One. Swope recently switched to a major in Finance.
She is vice-president of service for Phi Theta Kappa and is a Student Ambassador. She is a member of CC Singers, Concert Choir, and Mu Alpha Theta. She recently represented Cowley in Topeka as a member of the All-Kansas Academic Team.
Queen finalists were: Elisha Swope, Katie Bevilacqua, Bethany Schmidt, Rachel Bloyer, and Abby Cantrell.
King finalists were: Will Brantley, Richard Filkuka, Larry Hill, Joe Lauer, and Alex Skov.
We heard from  

2000’s

Alysa (Snyder) Parson, Class of 2005, and her husband, Jason, live in Wichita, Kan. Alysa is currently taking classes at Emporia State University. Jason is a sergeant in the U.S. Army. Alysa has fond memories of her time at Cowley, including when Jason proposed to her at Mr. Cinderella 2005.

Zach Noland, Class of 2005, lives in Munds Park, AZ. He is employed as a senior graphic designer/art director at the Flagstaff Printing Company.

Brice Harader-Pate, Class of 2005, lives in Tulsa, Okla. Recently graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. with Bachelors of Science in Organismic Biology, and was accepted into College of Public Health at the University of Oklahoma for the PhD in Epidemiology.

Melodie (West) Brunell, Class of 2004, and her husband, Frederick, live in Prairie Village, Kan. The couple have two children, David Michael 3, and Alexa Leigh who was born June 14, 2007.

Gary Jackson, Class of 2002, lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He serves as a substance abuse counselor for Bernalillo County.

Cari Foster, Class of 2001, lives in Oklahoma City, Okla. She is employed as a billing analyst for Dobson Communications.

1990’s

Melissa (Greer) Buchanan, Class of 1994, and her husband, Brian, Class of 1995, live in Wellington, Kan. The couple have a son, Greer 1. Melissa is a Business and Computer Technology teacher at Wellington High School, while Brian is a Physical Education teacher, boys basketball coach and athletic director at Wellington High School.

Ronda (Melton) Brin, Class of 1993, and her husband, Troy, live in Hopkinsville, KY. The couple have two children, Matthew 10, and Nicholas 10. Ronda is a program assistant for Child and Youth Services, while Troy is a member of the United States Army.

Michelle (Williams) Huffman, Class of 1992, and her husband, Erik, Class of 1999, live in Ponca City, Okla. The couple have a daughter, Alivia 5. Michelle works in the Accounts Payable department for Cameron International. Erik is a CNC Operator for Smith International.

1980’s

Lori (Burns) O’Brien, Class of 1989, lives in Santa Clarita, California. She is employed as an office manager at Denny and Company CPA’s. She has two boys, Justin 13, and Jeremy 12. After graduating from Cowley, she served three years in the US Army’s 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. She has lived in Southern California since 1993. She has fond memories of living in the dorm at Cowley and hanging out with friends. She also recalls the wonderful instruction she received from former Cowley teacher Chris Vollweider.

Jerelyn (McComb) Ramirez, Class of 1988, and her husband, Paul, live in Rose Hill, Kan. The couple have one child, Faith Sullivan 29. Jerelyn is a senior customer service engineer for the Xerox Corporation, while Paul is a post office electronic technician. The couple enjoy astronomy and Jerelyn holds the office of Treasurer with the Kansas Astronomical Observers.

1940’s

Juanita (Young) Gangwere, Class of 1942, lives in Kingman, Kan. Her husband, Robert, passed away in 2003. The couple has three children, Vance 61, Jesse 55, and Michelle Gebb 42. She was a cheerleader both years at ACJC. She is a member of a bowling league with her daughter, Michelle, and grandson, John Webster.

1930’s

Joe Schwartz, Class of 1938, lives in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He is retired and will turn 90 on Oct. 21, 2008.

Kenneth Engleman, Class of 1934, and his wife, Waneta, who attended ACJC in 1934, live in Bartlesville, Okla. The couple, which celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Dec. 24, 2007, has three children, Joe 67, John 63, and Jan 51. Kenneth worked for Phillips Petroleum Company for 40 years and is a retired civil engineer. Waneta is a retired school teacher that taught at the middle school level for 16 years.
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